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A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. "1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed September 9, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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